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1. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS
DATED AUGUST 26:

2. "INDIA HAS URGED NIGERIA TO LIFT THE BAN IMPOSED ON
THE IMPORT OF TEXTILES. THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO
REVIEW THE SITUATION AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

3. "NIGERIA BANNED TEXTILE IMPORTS IN VIEW OF AN ECONOMIC
CRISIS FACED BY IT AND PARTICULARLY THE UNPRECEDENTED
CONGESTION IN ITS PORTS.

4. "THIS CREATED PROBLEMS FOR INDIA S HANDLOOM EXPORTS
FROM INDIA HAD BEEN SEVERELY AFFECTED.

5. "MEANWHILE, PROBLEMS REGARDING HANDLOOM EXPORTS TO THE US
HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY RESOLVED. WHILE THE US AND INDIA
HAVE NOT YET COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE DEFINITION OF
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HANDLOOM GARMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXEMPTION AVAILABLE

TO HANDLOOM PRODUCTS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT FOR THE REMAINING TWO YEARS OF AGREEMENT - 1975-76 AND 1976-77 - INDIA WOULD EXPORT 2.9 MILLION DOZENS AND THREE MILLION DOZEN GARMENTS, RESPECTIVELY.

6. "PROVISION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE FOR INDIA TO DRAW UPON THE 1976-77 QUOTA IN ADVANCE IF NECESSARY TO THE EXTENT OF 1.6 MILLION DOZENS IN CASE OF INCREASED EXPORTS IN 1975-76.

7. "THERE IS, THUS, SUFFICIENT SCOPE FOR HANDLOOM EXPORTS TO THE US.

8. "IN THE CASE OF THE UK, THERE IS NO SEPARATE AGREEMENT. IT IS COVERED BY THE EEC AGREEMENT. OFTEN IMPORTERS OF INDIAN HANDLOOM TEXTILES HAVE TO PAY DUTY AND THIS NATURALLY AFFECTS INDIAN EXPORTS TO THE UK. WHERE HANDLOOM ITEMS HAVING ART-SILK EMBELISHMENT EMBROIDERY OF DECORATIVE NATURE ON HANDLOOM COTTON CLOTH HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED AT 100 PERCENT COTTON CLOTH.

9. "THIS MATTER HAS BEEN TAKEN UP BY INDIA WITH THE UK AND THE FINAL OUTCOME IS AWAITED.

10. "AS FAR AS EEC IS CONCERNED, INDIA HAS TAKEN UP THE QUESTION OF TREATING A NUMBER OF HANDLOOM MADE-UPS AND GARMENTS AS HANDICRAFT ITEMS THEREBY GIVING THEM DUTY-FREE ADMISSION IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. A FINAL DECISION IS AWAITED.

11. "AT PRESENT EEC COUNTRIES ADMIT COTTON HANDLOOM FABRICS AND SILK HANDLOOM FABRICS FREE OF DUTY UP TO THE LIMIT OF DOLS4.2 MILLION WORTH OF PRODUCTION - COTTON FOR 2 MILLION AND SILK FOR DOLS2.2 MILLION. THE CONCESSION IS AVAILABLE ONLY FOR MATERIALS IN RUNNING LENGTH AND DOES NOT COVER MADE-UPS AND GARMENTS."SAXBE

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